

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
JAMES S. ATHON,
OF Marion County.

FOR AUDITOR OF STATE,
JOSEPH RISTINE,
OF Fountain County.

FOR TREASURER OF STATE,
MATTHEW L. BRETT,
OF Daviess County.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
OSCAR B. BORD,
OF Deane County.

FOR REPORTER OF SUPREME COURT,
MICHAEL C. KERR,
OF Floyd County.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
SAMUEL L. RUGG,
OF Allen County.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS.

1st District—JOHN LAW.

2d " JAMES A. CRAVENS.

3d " W. H. HARRINGTON.

4th " W. S. HOLMAN.

5th " A. B. CONDUITT.

6th " D. W. VOORHEES.

7th " J. D. TURPIN.

8th " J. C. BARNETT.

9th " J. F. McDOWELL.

Political Arrest—Their Object.

Within a few weeks past there have been quite a number of arrests, which seem to be without justification, and in clear violation of Constitutional rights. If the people of this State and this country desire to preserve Constitutional liberty, it is high time that their attention should be directed to this arbitrary exercise of power. Let us examine what are the rights of the citizen under both State and Federal Governments. In the bill of rights guaranteed by the Constitution of Indiana we find the following:

Art. I, sec. 9. No law shall be passed restraining the free interchange of thought and opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatever; but for the abuse of that right any person shall be responsible.

Sec. 31. No law shall restrain any of the inhabitants of the State from assembling together in a peaceable manner to consult for their common good, nor from instructing their Representatives, nor from applying to the General Assembly for redress of grievances.

In the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, we find the following:

Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

It thus appears that neither Congress nor the Legislature of the State have any right to abridge the freedom of speech or of the press, nor to restrain the citizens of the State from assembling together in a peaceable manner, to consult for the common good. And if neither Congress nor the Legislature have the power to restrict the people in these regards, certainly no Federal officer, or State officer, military or civil, has any right to exercise a power from which the legislative authorities are restrained.

From personal malice, or to avenge personal or political prejudices and hostilities, inflicting citizens have been arrested in various parts of the State, in clear violation of law; brought to this city, and, in many cases, imprisoned or else compelled to submit to personal indignities and inconveniences. Should a just Government permit the commission of such gross outrages? The object of the Constitution is not only to define, but protect the rights of the humble citizen. Has the Government fulfilled its mission in this respect? Not only are citizens arrested for political purposes within the State, by State authority, but citizens of Indiana have been arrested by the authorities of another State, carried off to it, imprisoned—all without the intervention, not even the protest of our public authorities. What claim can such representatives of the Government have upon the respect and confidence of the people?

To illustrate the partisan character of these arrests, we refer to that of JAMES B. BROWN, Esq. of Jackson county, on Friday last. Mr. BROWN is the Democratic candidate for Representative in that county, and as such has canvassed it with his competitor, one JOHN F. CARR. Mr. BROWN has not uttered an expression in his speeches which could be tortured into "treasonable language in public against the Government" as charged. While speaking at Seymour on Friday, a man in military clothes interrupted him and said he must change the tenor of his remarks. Mr. BROWN told him he must hear him through to judge whether he did or not. He went on with his speech in the same spirit as he had elsewhere. Another military man then directed to arrest him, but he was told by Mr. B. if he attempted to do so while he was speaking it would be at his peril. Mr. BROWN then finished his speech, after which he waived all technicalities as to authority and by agreement met the officer at the cars and came with him here, but there was no attempt to restrain him of his liberty. So frivolous were the charges against Mr. BROWN that the Deputy United States Marshal refused to entertain them, and dismissed him upon the condition he should report himself here in case the Marshal, upon his return from Washington, should desire to investigate the matter. That the public may see the way that arrests are made, we copy the charge and authority upon which Mr. BROWN was taken from home and brought to this city:

SEYMOUR IND Sept 5th 1862

To the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana

JAESON B. BROWN of Brownstown Jackson county Indiana did this day use treasonable language in public against the Government of the United States of America

This is Seymour Indiana County Indiana this 5th day of September 1862

LE JOSEPH BOSLER

Recruiting Officer 15th Ind

Volunteers Keaton Ind

Witnesses:

S W Smith John Heaton Thomas L. Ewing

Capt Southgrass 22d Ind Vol William Salmon D

A H Smith John F Carr

What authority for such an arrest? Where the right this to abridge freedom of speech, to disturb a meeting of citizens, assembled in a peaceable manner, to consult for the common good?

Mr. JOSEPH F. CARR we notice is a willing witness against his competitor. What a sacrifice of all manliness. Can any one imagine an act meaner, lower or more despicable than thus to attempt to harass and injure a political opponent?

We have referred to this arrest of Mr. BROWN and the frivolous charge upon which it was made, to show the desperation of the party in power and the infamous measures to which it is ready to resort to intimidate and injure its political opponents. It has been intimated to us from a responsible source that the Republican leaders in this State have a scheme prepared to be developed a sufficient time before the election through which they hope to intimidate and overawe a sufficient number of the Democratic voters to secure the triumph of their partisan schemes. We have every reason to believe that a conspiracy of this kind has been concocted. The arrest of Mr. BROWN may foreshadow one method by which the conspirators intend to accomplish their purpose. By arresting a large number of Dem-

ocrats upon trumped up charges in different portions of the State, just before the election, they may hope to keep enough Democrats from the polls to secure an easy triumph. Our object now is to caution the people of the State against the schemes of the conspirators. Place no confidence in any reports calculated to injure the Democratic party, or be not intimidated by any threats having the same object in view. If there ever was a period when every conservative citizen, every Democrat, was called upon to stand by his principles, boldly and courageously, it is now. We believe, as most every reflecting man, that constitutional liberty, and all that we have regarded as valuable in our free institutions, can only be saved by the triumph of conservative sentiments at the ballot box at the elections this fall. Bullets for the Southern rebels and ballots for the Northern enemies of the Constitution and the Union should be the motto of every good citizen.

In conclusion, we commend the following noble sentiments of DANIEL WEBSTER, which he uttered in one of his great speeches, to the careful consideration of every citizen:

The contest for ages has been to rescue liberty from the grasp of executive power. On the long list of the champions of human freedom, there is not one name dimmed by the reproach of advocating the extension of executive authority. On the contrary, the uniform and steady purpose of all such champions has been to limit and restrain it. Through the history of the contest for liberty, executive power has been regarded as a lion that must be caged. So far from being the object of enlightened popular trust; so far from being considered the natural protection of popular rights, it has been dreaded as the great object of danger.

Our security is our watchfulness of executive power. It was the constitution of this department which was infinitely the most difficult part of the work of creating the Government. To give to the executive such power as should be useful, and yet not dangerous; efficient, independent, strong, and yet prevent it from sweeping away everything by its military and civil power, by the influence of patronage and favor, this, indeed, was difficult. They who had the work to do saw this difficulty, and we see it. If we would maintain our system, we shall act wisely, by preventing every restraint, every guard, the Constitution has provided when he and those who come after us, have done all we can do, and all they can do, it will be well for us and them, if the executive, by the power of patronage and party, shall not attempt to assume the powers of the Government. I will not acquiesce in the reversal of all just ideas of government. I will not degrade the character of popular representations. I will not blindly confide, when all experience admonishes to be jealous. I will not trust executive power, vested in a single magistrate, to keep the vigils of liberty. Encomiastic must be resisted at every step. The consequences be prejudicial or not, if there be an ideal extent of power in the hands of the executive, it will be a great mischief. We are not to wait till great mischief comes, till the Government is overturned, liberty itself in extreme jeopardy. We would be unworthy sons of our fathers, were we to regard questions affecting freedom.

Gen. Mansson's Orders at Richmond.

We call attention to the following justification of Gen. MANSSON, which we copy from the Cincinnati Gazette. The injustice of the attempt to throw the responsibility of the disaster of the engagements at Richmond, Kentucky, upon Gen. MANSSON, must be apparent to all. The gallant Indians who fought under General MANSSON against such fearful odds, stand by him and cordially approve of all he did. If Gen. NELSON had not appeared upon the field just as he did, and stopped the retreat which Gen. MANSSON had ordered, fully realizing, as he did, the hopelessness of a further contest, nearly all the subsequent disasters would have been prevented. The facts in the case will fully relieve Gen. MANSSON, and we say let the responsibility of the disaster rest where it belongs. The Gazette says:

To correct false statements which have been made public in this city, respecting the engagement at Richmond, we are authorized by Gen. MANSSON to state that previous to the engagement he had no orders to fall back or avoid an engagement. The order of General NELSON advising a retreat by the Lancaster road, reached Gen. MANSSON on Saturday, after the fight had been going on for five hours, and when he had formed his second line of battle, and the enemy were advancing in line to the attack. A retreat could not have been made then without a fight. After he had received the order, he moved his men into line between his camp and Richmond. At this time General NELSON came on the ground and took command.

Gen. MANSSON was subject to the duties of his position as commander of the Government forces, and as commander of the troops, and was under no orders, general or special, as to seeking or avoiding engagements, or falling back. Only a prompt retreat, in the event of an engagement, could have taken his troops safely across the Kentucky river. Had he retreated thus, and if it had turned out subsequently that the rebel force was inconsiderable, he would have been disgraced as a coward, and the officers who were with him would have been disgraced as well.

Gen. MANSSON's report of the fight took to meet the enemy.

Special Correspondence of the Chicago Times.

From Washington.

The Danger to Washington—Pope Out General.

—The want of one directing hand.

The Vast Duties Incumbent on the General in Chief—Present Position and Strength of the Rebel Forces in Virginia—The only hope of Safety in McClellan, &c., &c., &c.

WASHINGTON, September 3.

If ever Washington was in danger of being captured by the rebels, it is in danger now. There is no doubt about it. The rebels are now within a few miles of the city, and that is for General McClellan to be placed in command of all the troops now massed here and in its vicinity. This has not been done yet. And it is because it has not been done that the city is in danger. The rebels are now within a few miles of the city, and that is for General McClellan to be placed in command of all the troops now massed here and in its vicinity. This has not been done yet. And it is because it has not been done that the city is in danger.

August 21st, on which day Gen. Lee, with the bulk of the rebel army, crossed the Rappahannock and precipitated himself upon the Federal army.

Pope knew nothing about it, and he knew nothing about it.

Pope was calmly telegraphing to Halleck that "he was holding the rebels," and that "it was impossible for the enemy to cross."

From that day to this has been out general and whipped by Lee every day. How Old Abe is to be blamed for this, every day we have been defeated or outmaneuvered, and every day the enemy has approached nearer and nearer to the capital.

And during all this time Lincoln and Mr. Sewall have been calm and serene, and the President has been telegraphing all over the country a week ago, declared that Washington was safe, and that the worst point of danger was past, and that we could withstand the rebels every time. So little does he comprehend the situation.

During this time, too, Burnside, Pope and McClellan have all had separate and independent commands, and the necessary result has followed. The rebels have been here one day, and the battle in military operations with one head in the field. The President, with his accustomed hesitancy and fear of offending the Abolitionists, has not yet taken the step which I hope he will yet take. He has not yet taken the step which I hope he will yet take.

He will, eventually, appoint McClellan to the command of the forces in Virginia, but I fear it will be when it is too late to save the capital.

He is now engaged in personally supervising the formation of a company of Federal troops for the defense of the city. He comforts himself with the belief that Gen. Halleck is giving his personal supervision to the military operations in Virginia. During the last few days he has had to organize a campaign against the Indians in the West; he has had to arrange the details of the campaign in Kentucky, so as to prevent the rebels from invading Ohio, Indiana and Illinois; and he has had to arrange the details of matters relating to military affairs in South Carolina. All these things he has had to do as General in Chief, and while he has been attending to them, Gen. Lee has stolen a march upon him, has defeated Pope in half a dozen battles, and has taken possession of Manassas, has seized and now holds, and will hold, the heights of Centerville and has advanced in force to Fairfax Court House, only eighty miles from here!

Do you ask how he has been able to do all this? It is simply because he is a better soldier than Pope, or rather because he is a General, and Pope is not.

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